

# An Infamous Meeting.

The presence of a multitude of men at the Cooper Institute on Thursday evening to glorify Parkhurst and his vile proceedings was a disgrace to manhood.

It was a shame to womanhood that with them were many women who joined in the laudation of a man who tempted fallen and outcast women to a shameful display of themselves to him, in order that he might further betray these wretched victims of the lust of lewd and perfidious men.

It was an outrage against the mercy and purity of Christianity that many professional ministers of the Gospel were on the platform or in the body of the hall, and that not one of them raised his voice in protest, but all joined in lauding and applauding this violator of the spirit, precept and example of the Saviour of the Magdalen.

It was a scene over which angels might weep, and from which all just and reasonable men and women should turn with disgust and indignation. Yet by such means and agencies as Parkhurst's, and with such a man as a leader, this Cooper Institute meeting talks of reforming society! It would reform society by transforming it into a body of hypocrites, and by destroying the principle which is the salt that saves it from corruption.

The bitterest punishment administered by society, the surest, the most unvarying, and the most persistent, is inflicted on women who have departed from chastity. The men who are partners in their guilt escape unscathed. We do not doubt that hundreds of such men held their heads high at the Cooper Institute Thursday evening. But the women are put under the heaviest social chastisement, and none escape. Murder and all other crimes against the law of the State may go unpunished, but the Magdalen is punished and trampled on without exception. She becomes a pariah, the member of the class the most defenceless and the most outraged of any in the Christian world. She is at the mercy of ruffians, and even the men who have made her an outcast, and consort with her in her degradation, join in covering her with reproach and driving her to desperation.

Of all human beings she is the most pitiable, and yet she is the worst chastised of all offenders against human or Divine laws. Meantime the men of whose lust she is the victim, and to whose lust she ministers in her enforced degradation, may go to Parkhurst's meetings and shout their voices hoarse in applauding his "courageous and self-sacrificing stand" in tempting and betraying her, already so sorely tempted and so infamously betrayed; and women, to whose honor she is sacrificed so mercilessly, unite with them in crowning him as a hero!

It is to the credit of the spirit of justice which exists in humanity, that under Christian civilization, this inequality in the treatment of licentiousness in men and women has prevented the civil authorities from hounding the Magdalen to the absolute extreme of barbarous cruelty. Her existence as a necessary result of masculine depravity is tolerated. She is not stoned while her betrayer is loaded with honors. Decent men will not stand by and see the weak victims of men subjected to such outrages. She is punished enough already, they say, and, alas! she suffers the penalty of her own sin and that of the greater sin of men.

Accordingly, the laws of the State directed against these outcasts, intended for their regulation rather than their destruction, are enforced in all the cities of the world with some degree of consideration and reasonable latitude. The police by their conduct express a humane public sentiment. Men will not torture women whom men have led astray and subjected to a social punishment in itself so terrible. They know that the trouble is incurable so long as masculine depravity continues.

This righteous, merciful, just, and sensible interpretation of legal duty, Parkhurst and his allies denounce as "complicity with evil-doers." "Complicity with evil-doers! Who are the evil-doers? Are they poor Magdalens alone? Are they not also Parkhurst and many of his adulterers? Are they not the great host of evil-doing men?" Such a meeting should make the blood of every just and true man boil with indignation. It was an infamous, unholy meeting.—N. Y. Sun.

## Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

### Notice of Letters.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Henry Elmsman, late of Iron county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, J. T. Ake, by the Judge of Probate Court of the County of Iron, bearing date the 18th day of May, 1892.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

J. T. AKE, Administrator.

### Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Hugh M. Bradley, late of Iron county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, Margaret B. Bradley, by the Probate Court of the County of Iron, bearing date the 9th day of May, 1892.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

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